

## Alexandria Gazette.

SATURDAY EVENING, DEC. 31, 1898.

## [COMMUNICATED]

## THE CLOSING YEAR

BY GEORGE D. FAIRFAX.

'Tis midnight, 'till hour—no silence now  
Is breathing like a spirit or a cloud.  
The still and pulsing world. Hark! on the  
winds  
The bell's deep tones are swelling—'tis the  
kiss!  
On the departed year. No funeral train  
Is sweeping past—yet, on the stream and  
wood,  
With melancholy light, the moonbeams rest  
Like a pale, spotless shroud; the air is still—  
'Tis by a mourner's sigh—and in yon cloud,  
That darts so still and placidly through  
heaven,  
The spirits of the seasons seem to stand—  
Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's  
solemn form,  
And Winter with his aged locks, and breathing  
In mournful cadences that come abroad  
Like the far wind-harp's wild and touchy  
wail.  
Gone from the earth forever—  
'Tis a time  
For memory and for tears. Within the deep  
Still chambers of the heart a spectral dim,  
Whose tones were like the wizard voice of  
Time,  
Heard from the tomb of '98, points its cold  
And solemn finger to the beautiful  
And holy visions that have passed away.  
On the dead waste of life. That spectre lifts  
The coffin-lid of Hope, and Joy, and Love;  
And, bending mournfully above the pale  
Sweet forms that slumber there, scatters dead  
flowers  
O'er what has passed to nothingness. The  
year  
Has gone, and with it, many a glorious thought  
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow,  
Its shadow in each heart. In its swift course,  
It waded its epoch o'er the beautiful  
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand  
Upon the strong man—and the haughty form  
Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim.  
It trod the hall of revelry, where thronged  
The bright and joyous—and the fearful wail  
Of stricken ones is heard, where erst the song  
And reckless shout resounded. It passed o'er  
The battle-plain, where sword and spear  
And shield  
Flashed in the light of mid-day—and the  
strength  
Of scorched hosts is shivered, and the grass,  
Green from the soil of carnage, waves above  
The crushed and moldering skeleton. It  
came  
And faded like a wreath of mist at eve;  
Yet, ere it melted in the viewless air,  
It heralded its millions to their home  
In the dim land of dreams.

Benevolent time—

Pierce spirit of the glass and scythe—what  
power  
Can stay him in his silent course, or melt  
His iron heart to pity? On, still on  
He presses, and forever, the proud bird,  
The conqueror of the Andes, and the coast  
Through Heaven's unfathomable depths, or  
beyond  
The fury of the northern hurricane,  
And bade his plumage in the thunder's  
home,  
Far in the dark wings at nightfall, and  
sinks down  
To rest upon his mountain-crag—but time  
Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness,  
And night's deep darkness has no chain to  
bind  
His rushing pinion. Revolutions sweep  
O'er earth, like troubled visions o'er the  
breast  
Of dreaming sorrow; cities rise and sink  
Like bubbles on the water; fiery  
Spirits blazing from the ocean, and go back  
To their mysterious caverns; mountains rear  
To heaven their bald and blackened cliffs,  
And bow  
Their tall heads to the plain; new empires  
rise,  
Girding the strength of hoary centuries,  
And rush down like the Alpine avalanche,  
Starting the nations; and the very stars,  
You bright and burning banners of God,  
Glitter awhile in their eternal depths.  
And, like the Pleiad, loveliest of the train,  
Shed from their glorious spheres, and pass  
away  
To dapple in the trackless void; yet time,  
Time, the tomb-builder, holds his fierce  
reign,  
Dark, stern, all pitiless, and pauses not  
Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his path.  
To sit and muse, like other conquerors,  
Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought.

A Servant Girls' Union.

Two Pointed Questions Answered.

What is the use of making a better  
article than your competitor if you can  
get a better price for it?Ans.—As there is no difference in the  
price the public will buy only the better,  
so that while our profits may be  
smaller on a single sale they will be  
much greater in the aggregate.How can you get the public to know  
your make is the best?If both articles are brought promi-  
nently before the public both are certain  
to be tried and the public will very  
quickly pass judgment on them and  
use only the better one.This explains the large sale on Cham-  
berlain's Cough Remedy. The people  
have been using it for years and have  
found that it can always be depended  
upon. They may occasionally take up  
with some fashionable novelty put forth  
with exaggerated claims, but are cer-  
tain to return to the one remedy that  
they know to be reliable, and for  
coughs, colds and croup there is nothing  
equal to Chamberlain's Cough  
Remedy. For sale by J. H. Janney,  
Druggist, 701 King Street.

A Fancy Vest

Is a nice present for Christmas. We have  
a line of the very finest vests in  
vestings of all sorts—very handsome and  
effective they are. Come in and look them  
over. A new line of Men's Fine Neckwear  
for the holidays. Ladies' and Gents' Mackin  
toshes to ORDER from \$3.25 up.

ROBERT T. GRIMES,

Merchant Tailor and Gent's Furnisher,

522 King Street, Alexandria, Va.

Specialty, 522

—Order Your—

CAKES

Now and Avoid the Rush at Christmas Time.

We are selling our Pound, Fruit, Silver,  
Marble and Fat Cakes at

20 CENTS A POUND,

using only BEST MATERIAL and skilled  
LABOR and guaranteeing to the public that  
they are exactly the same as "MOTHER USE  
TO MAKE."

(FRUITS—Light, Dark and Medium.)

PEOPLES' BAKERY,

615 KING STREET.

## CONDENSED MILK.

## A Perfect

## Infant Food

## Gail Borden

## Eagle Brand

## Condensed Milk

A PERFECT SUBSTITUTE FOR

MOTHERS MILK. FOR 40

YEARS THE LEADING BRAND.

INFANT HEALTH SENT FREE.

NY CONDENSED MILK CO. NEW YORK.

FINANCIAL.

CHAPLOTTE-VIL E AND RAPIDAN

RAILROAD COMPANY.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 14, 1898.

To the Holders of the Charlotteville and

Rapidan Railroad Bonds:

The following bonds, drawn for redem-  
ption, by lot, in accordance with the terms of  
the mortgage, will be paid at the office of the  
Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance  
Company, Philadelphia, Pa., with ac-  
crued interest, on January 1st, 1899. Inter-  
est will cease on said bonds January 1, 1899.

Nos. 110, 210, 180, 100, 25, 243, 114,

80, \$1,000 each.

Nos. 368, 679, 611, 338, 335, 366, 413,

352, 623, 652, 648, \$500 each.

Nos. 790, 700, \$100 each.

JOHN W. BURKE,

EDW. L. DAINGERFIELD, Trustees.

dec14 2w

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 16, 1898.

The semi-annual dividend (THREE AND

ONE-HALF PER CENT.) will be paid

to the stockholders on January 1st, 1899.

The transfer books will be closed to January 4,

1899. CHAS. R. HOFF, Cashier.

dec16

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK,

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 22, 1898.

The Board of Directors have this day de-  
clared a semi-annual dividend of FOUR (4)

PER CENT., payable on and after January 3, 1899.

WM. H. LAMBERT, Cashier.

dec22 td

JOS. BROOKS, CHAS. R. HOFF,

PRESIDENT, CASHIER.

First National Bank,

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Designated Depository of the

United States.

CAPITAL, \$100,000.

SURPLUS, \$90,000.

UNDIVIDED PROFITS, \$90,000.

Prompt attention to all business, in-  
cluding collections throughout the United

States and Europe.

BURKE &amp; HERBERT,

BANKERS,

AND DEALERS IN

INVESTMENT SECURITIES.

A General Banking business transacted.

Deposits received subject to check at sight.

Collections made.

Letters of Credit and Foreign Exchange

furnished.

REMY WHEAT, WM. E. LAMBERT,

President, Cashier.

Citizens' Nat'l. Bank.

CAPITAL \$100,000.

SURPLUS \$20,000.

Collections made and promptly remitted.

All kinds of investment securities a spe-  
cialty.

Ottobach—B. Wheat, E. L. Lambersfeld,

F. L. Smith, W. R. Smoot, W. H. Lambert.

BOOKS, STATIONERY, &amp;c.

Christmas Bargains.

THE PRESENTS YOU WANT

AT THE PRICES YOU LIKE

We Have Largest Line of

Books and Novelties.

Come and be pleasantly surprised. Bibles

and Prayer Books, Episcopal and Catholic

BOOKS for boys, BOOKS for girls and

BOOKS for the older folks. Calendars

and Xmas Cards, a beautiful line. Leather

Goods are finer, better and lower than ever

DOLLARS you spend with us go further, last

longer and give more satisfaction. So come to

Dysons' Little Store

(508 King Street, next to Opera House).

DON'T GO TO WASHINGTON FOR

YOUR

PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES,

But Buy Them at

CARNE'S BOOKSTORE,

703 King Street.

We have added a line of Photographic Sup-  
plies to our stock and solicit the patronage of

every amateur photographer.

PRINTING AND DEVELOPING DONE

FOR AMATEURS.

THE PLACE TO BUY

SCHOOL BOOKS

—AND—

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

OF ALL KINDS IF YOU WISH TO SAVE MONEY

—IS—

FRENCH'S BOOKSTORE,

417 &amp; 419 KING STREET

REMEMBER, that we carry the largest as-  
ortment of BOOKS, new and second-hand, in

Virginia, and on the best terms. A Golden

Patent Book Cover given away with each

book. The strongest and best book cover

made. Remember they can be had only at

FRENCH'S BOOKSTORE.

For child purchasing supplies here

will be entitled to a free gift on the HAND-  
SOME DESK AND OUTFIT on exhibition in

the window.

ROBERT W. FRENCH.

D. HARRY APPICH,

525 King Street,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

CONFECTIONER AND FRUIT DEALER

As the seasons come and go

Provident of all,

Plenty of fruits, and nuts, and sweets,

I have at your call.

Candies, cakes throughout the year,

Harry Appich's stock will make good cheer

SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS FOR THE

COUNTRY TRADE.

## CLOTHING, FURNISHINGS, &amp;c.

## Satisfied all Around!

## —30—

## We fit your mind as well as your

body. Money refunded for the ask-  
ing. We alter your clothes the same  
as your tailor. We hold our sales-  
men personally responsible that a

GOOD-FITTING SUIT OF CLOTHES

is given you. If you have a com-  
plaint to make let us hear from you.

\$7.50

for three or four button business sack

suits—plaid, overalls, checks and

grays in cassimere or chevots.

Well-made. Splendidly Trimmed.

These suits are leaders, and cannot

be duplicated in Alexandria. It is

hard to sell you a suit on paper, so

come in and we will sell you one in

reality.

R. Lee Field,

One-Price Clothier and Furnisher,

NC. 204 KING STREET.

GROCERIES &amp; PROVISIONS.

TO OUR TRADE

The fact is already established that the

Blue Grass Valley Region of Virginia pro-  
duces as GOOD BUTTER as can be had from

any section of this country.

We are receiving large shipments twice a

week.

18, 20, and 25c. Per Pound.

PURE PORK SAUSAGE

of our own manufacture.

C. R. YATES &amp; CO.,

nov4 3m Cor. Duke and Fairfax sts.

PORK SAUSAGE.

There is nothing more inviting at a break-  
fast table on a cool morning than crisp, brown

sausage cakes. In order to render them

more enjoyable they should be composed en-  
tirely of PORK and seasoned to a nicety.

The sausage manufactured for several years

past by the undersigned has ever contained

these requisites, and the grade has been of-  
fering in meeting with the demand of former

seasons. TEN CENTS A POUND.

S. W. Corner Fairfax and Duke Streets.

MEETINGS.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stock-

holders of the PYrites MINING

AND CHEMICAL COMPANY of Virginia

will be held at the office of the company, No. 216

King street, Alexandria, Va., on WEDNES-  
DAY, January 11, 1899, at one o'clock p. m.

R. F. KNOX, Secretary.

dec28 td

NOTICE.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23, 1898.

A general meeting of the stockholders of

the PAN AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION

COMPANY is hereby called to be held on the

20th DAY OF JANUARY, 1899, at 11

o'clock a. m., at the Bradock House, in

Alexandria, Va., for the purpose of electing a

new board of directors and of changing the

name thereof, if so desired, and for the

transaction of such other business as may be

transacted before said meeting.

J. P. ANTHONY,

J. M. CROPLEY,

W. G. ANTHONY,

stockholders owning more than ten per cent.

of the stock issued and outstanding.

dec27 td

THE ANNUAL MEETING of MECHANICS

BUILDING ASSOCIATION, NOS. 2,

3, 4 and 5, and NO. 5, second series, of Alex-  
andria, Va., will be held at No. 212 King

street, on TUESDAY, January 10, 1899, at

7:30 o'clock p. m.

LEONARD MABURY, Secretary.

dec21 td

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the stock-

holders of the OLD DOMINION PER-  
PETUAL BUILDING ASSOCIATION, 1st and 2nd

series, will be held at the office of James B. Caton, 111 south Fairfax

street, on TUESDAY, January 3d, 1899, at

7:45 p. m.

L. E. UHLER, Secretary.

dec17 td

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of

the GEORGE W. KNOX EXPRESS COM-  
pany will be held at 2 p. m. on THURSDAY,January 5th, 1899, at the office of the com-  
pany, No. 212 King street, Alexandria, Va.

CHARLES E. VAN ALSDALE,

Secretary.

dec15 m

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The annual

meeting of the stockholders of the

MINERS' TRADING COMPANY OF VIR-  
GINIA will be held at 2 p. m. on THURSDAY,

January 5th, 1899, at the home office, No.

212 King street, Alexandria, Va.

CHARLES E. VAN ALSDALE,

Secretary.

dec15 m

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The annual

meeting of the stockholders of the

MINERS' TRADING COMPANY OF VIR-  
GINIA will be held at 2 p. m. on THURSDAY,

January 5th, 1899, at the home office, No.

212 King street, Alexandria, Va.

CHARLES E. VAN ALSDALE,

Secretary.

dec15 m

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The annual

meeting of the stockholders of the

MINERS' TRADING COMPANY OF VIR-  
GINIA will be held at 2 p. m. on THURSDAY,

January 5th, 1899, at the home office, No.

212 King street, Alexandria, Va.

CHARLES E. VAN ALSDALE,

Secretary.

dec15 m

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The annual

meeting of the stockholders of the

MINERS' TRADING COMPANY OF VIR-  
GINIA will be held at 2 p. m. on THURSDAY,

January 5th, 1899, at the home office, No.

212 King street, Alexandria, Va.

CHARLES E. VAN ALSDALE,

Secretary.

dec15 m

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.—The annual

meeting